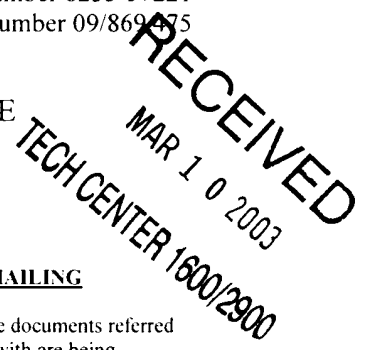




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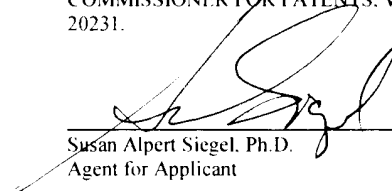
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This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action, dated October 3, 2002, for which a three month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before January 3, 2003. Applicants petition herein for a two month extension of time, and submit the required fee, making this response due on or before March 3, 2003. Please amend this application as follows:

In the specification:

Please amend the first paragraph of the specification, which contains the priority claim, as follows:

Priority Claim

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 371 to PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/07502, filed October 26, 2000, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 11/309984, filed October 29, 1999.